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TOWN CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE FIRM TO COLLECT SALES TAX

Auditors report New Brockton in good shape

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The agenda for the regular monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council was short on items, but long on discussion.

Monday evening's meeting got off on a good note when auditors in good shape," said Bruce Keel.

"We found the books and records in good shape," said Bruce Keel, who is with the accounting firm of Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson, & Bowden.

He gave the members of the council a brief overview of the rather extensive audit report.

"They were told that their cash on hand had increased a little over \$15,000 this year over last year; revenue was up approximately \$38,000 excluding funds received through grants received; and the water board increased its revenue by approximately \$14,000."

Keel also noted that the fire department had an increase in revenue of \$3,900.

"Overall you've had a good year, records are in good shape, Linda [Linda Dillow - city clerk] is doing a

good job, and I think you'll be doing a good job managing with what you've got," said Keel.

"New Brockton is not a very big city, your revenue is limited and you all know that. You're keeping on it and I applaud you."

With their thoughts still on finances, the council heard a presentation from James Meads representing Pash & Company, Inc. The firm offers revenue enhancement services.

Meads proposed that the town could speed up its sales tax collection by doing it themselves or by using a private firm which provides this type service. His firm offers this service.

Presently, the town's sales tax is collected by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Council members were told that by using a firm such as his or by doing it themselves, the town would not only speed up the collection process but would probably increase their revenue.

The company's charge for providing this service is a percentage of the sales tax revenue collected.

"This gives us the incentive to get out and find additional revenue,"

said Meads.

The council was told that not only town merchants are required, by state law, to buy privilege license

would notify businesses located in Enterprise, Elba and neighboring towns of this requirement. If they are not presently complying with state law, they would be required to do so.

Pash, according to Meads, is presently collecting sales tax revenue for 34% of the towns and cities in the state of Alabama.

Several other municipalities are using the company's computer software to collect their own sales tax.

Area towns already using, or about to start using, the company's service are: Daleville, Ozark, and Andalusia.

The council voted to contract with the firm to collect the town's sales tax. Meads told the council that it would take about six weeks to get everything set up and begin collecting taxes.

Eric Johnson, project coordinator

with Ewing-Conner & Associates, Inc., recommended to the council that the town apply for a sewer and water improvement grant.

He noted that the deadline for submitting applications for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds was drawing near.

Johnson reported that basically, the grant program had changed very little from the one offered to towns, cities, and counties the previous year. The maximum amount available to small towns and cities for specific improvement projects is \$500,000.

Although the town had been successful in receiving funding through the CDBG program for housing rehabilitation, Johnson suggested that the probability of getting approval on a sewer and water improvement project would be greater.

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WHAT'S THE LAW SAY...Have a question about what the law is in Alabama? Well, you can now find out for yourself. The Elba City Library recently received a complete set of the Alabama Codes. None of the individual volumes can be checked out of the library, but you will be allowed to use them while in the facility to obtain information concerning the law. Librarians Doris Taylor (left) and Laura Barker (right) are caught in the "act" of placing the volumes on the shelves.

Elba jury finds Grantham not guilty

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

After deliberating for less than two hours, the jury found Grady "Butter" Grantham not guilty of assault in the first degree.

Grantham's trial began Monday afternoon and testimony, both prosecution and defense, was completed at the close of the day.

The jury returned Tuesday morning to begin its deliberation.

Grantham, age 49, of Elba, AL, was arrested and charged on September 2, 1994.

His arrest came as a result of an incident in which Chris Danley, age 22, of Elba was stabbed in the left arm.

Danley was stabbed during an argument and fight which occurred on August 31 at a residence located on Teresa Street in Elba.

As a result of his injury, Danley has lost use of his left arm of which he may or may not regain.

Of the nine cases listed on the March 6th Criminal Jury Docket for Coffee County - Elba Division, Grantham's was the only one that

went to trial. The remaining eight cases were either continued or the defendants pled guilty prior to the trial date.

The following cases and their results are as follows:

State of Alabama vs. Kelley Jerome Carney

Carney was charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree. He pled guilty, but has not been sentenced at this time.

Continuances were granted in the following cases:

State of Alabama vs. Spencer Owen Ziglar

Ziglar is charged with manslaughter. The case is on appeal before the Alabama Supreme Court.

State of Alabama vs. William "Bill" Waldon

Waldon is charged with two offenses of sodomy in the first degree and two offenses of sodomy in the second degree.

State of Alabama vs. Smith Marshall

Marshall is charged with unlawful possession/receipt of cocaine; certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol; and possession of marijuana.

State of Alabama vs. Willie Earl Lawrence

Lawrence is to be tried on one count of unlawful possession or receipt of cocaine.

State of Alabama vs. Charly Timm

Timm is charged with harassment. The disposition was not known in the case of:

State of Alabama vs. Chad Houston

Houston was charged with burglary in the first degree.

An alias warrant has been issued and bond received in the case of:

State of Alabama vs. Wayne Stewart

Stewart is charged with unlawful possession of cocaine.

District Attorney & Investigator being sued

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney Joel Folmar and his chief investigator, Bruce DeVane, are facing a \$250,000.00 lawsuit.

A former employee, Toni Dubisair Dewberry, 34, filed the suit in federal court on February 17.

Dewberry served in the DA's office as child support coordinator for Coffee County from October 1990 until her dismissal.

She claims that Folmar and DeVane fired her on October 26, 1993 after learning that she was pregnant,

unmarried and had no immediate plans to marry.

She is asking for compensatory damages plus lost wages, court cost and attorney's fees.

According to reports, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), after reviewing the incident, found no wrong doing in the termination and no violation of the discrimination statute; however, the EEOC did issue Mrs. Dewberry a

Notification of a Right to Sue.

Sometime after she was fired, Mrs. Dewberry married the father of her child.

An Enterprise attorney, Rick Hollingsworth is representing Mrs. Dewberry in her lawsuit. She is employed as a paralegal by Hollingsworth.

Folmar and DeVane had until yesterday, Wednesday, March 8, to answer the lawsuit.

Local National Guard unit always on stand-by

With the rising waters of the Pea River, and potential for more rain appearing imminent, the Elba Unit of the Alabama Army National Guard, monitors the situation and takes preliminary steps to be ready if needed.

February 17 was just another normal Friday morning at work in the Elba Armory for SSG Buddy Metcalf and SSG John Lester, the full-time support staff for the unit. The telephone rings shortly before 11:00 a.m., CPT Kim T. Russell, Administrative Officer and full-time supervisor of the 1st Battalion (155MM SP) 17th Field Artillery's full-time personnel, wants an update on the current status of the Pea River, and instructs SSG Metcalf to make a visual check of the low-lying areas around the city. Rain, a lot of rain, was imminent and the forecast was predicting possible flash-flood conditions.

No one was in trouble, not a home threatened, but CPT Russell and SSG Metcalf knew what possi-

bilities existed, and the urgency of being prepared for the worst was their primary concern. SSG Metcalf immediately requested updated information from the Elba Police Department, completed a visual check, and then stopped by the Police Department to ensure the Chief that the Elba unit would be ready if necessary. After returning to the armory, Mayor Haywood was contacted to ensure he had the emergency phone numbers of State Headquarters, and to assure him the Guard would be ready.

No not this time! The heavens gave relief, the rain stopped, and the rising waters slowed, having reached a crest of 22.40 feet. We were spared the devastation of yet another flood. Unit members could enjoy the weekend, rather than wade in the waters of the Pea River. But have no doubt, members of your guard unit were watching and waiting, always ready and at a moments notice the Elba Army National Guard could be called upon.

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Local landfill poses no threat of pollution

by Tonika Kiel
The University of Alabama
Public Affairs Reporting Class

(Editor's Note: Tonika Kiel, of Mobile, is a senior at the University of Alabama. She is studying toward a double major in Journalism and English. After graduation, her plans are to attend law school and specialize in media law. As part of the Public Affairs Reporting Class, students travel to the state capital and cover actual stories. They do the background research and personal interviews for participating Alabama Press Association member newspapers. The Elba Clipper is fortunate to have this student covering timely subjects for interested readers.)

The new Subtitle D landfill does not pose a threat of pollution for

Coffee County residents, according to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

ADEM works through the federal government to ensure that the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency are met and maintained on a state level.

The Coffee County Subtitle D landfill is built according to the newest federal requirements released in 1993. The new guidelines include everything from an increase in the number of ground water monitoring wells to over 60 safety tests performed regularly.

Chief of the Solid Waste Land Division, Russell Kelly, is confident

that any threat of pollution from the Subtitle D landfill is highly improbable because of technological advances in landfill construction.

"If there is ever a leak in a landfill it will be detected in a ground water monitoring well and immediately taken care of," Kelly said.

According to Coffee County Landfill Manager Phillip Kelley, the residents of Coffee County have nothing to fear from the landfill.

"The chance of ground water contamination is slim to none," Phillip Kelley said. "It's about as safe as you can get and nothing will go wrong as long as we continue to maintain it like we have."

Because of the stringent federal requirements and new technologies, ADEM's Kelly is still surprised by the number of people who have knee-jerk reactions of fear to the news of landfills.

"Before 1988 landfill liners were not even used," Russell Kelly said. "Today's liner system is much more advanced and people are still concerned."

The process for opening a landfill is very meticulous. According to state law, before ADEM is even allowed to review a request for the building of a landfill it must first have local approval. ADEM then becomes part of every level of decision making on technical issues such as ground water flow, topography, possibility of sink holes and design.

Coffee County's landfill is built with two feet of clay and a composite liner, a minimum five feet separation between the liner and the ground water and there is a minimum 30-year period to monitor closed facilities.

Elba BOE names Danny Weeks as assistant principal at E.H.S.

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

In a short special meeting last Thursday evening, the Elba City School Board named former basketball coach Danny Weeks as assistant principal of Elba High School. There were several applications for the position, but Weeks was the only applicant from within the local system, said Superintendent Charles Pearce.

He fills the vacancy created when David Stokes was moved up to the basketball coach position which will be filled. Pearce said the vacancy will be advertised statewide to insure all interested applicants are aware of

the opening.

The mid-year move in the administration was due to the medical retirement of High School Principal Charles Clark.

Weeks, who lives in the Lowery community, is completing his third year in the Elba School system.

In recommending Weeks, Pearce said he is qualified, certified and has administration experience. He added that during his tenure at Elba High School, Mr. Weeks has demonstrated an ability and desire to work with the students and other staff members to enhance the educational atmosphere throughout the school system. He also observed that Weeks is often still at the school working with students when he (Pearce) leaves the central office... late in the evening.



PLEASE READ ME A STORY...Ever wonder where those children you see from time to time walking along Court Street are headed? One morning they were followed and come to find out, they were headed to the Elba City Library. Pictured above Ms. Doris Cooper, librarian, shares a story with the youngsters from Elba Headstart. The adults accompanying the children seem to be enjoying the story too!

HAPPENINGS

Z.C.P.T.O. MEETING. The Zion Chapel P. T. O. will meet Thursday, March 16, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to attend as new officers will be elected during this meeting.

HOME, FARM & GARDEN SHOW. The 1995 Coffee County Home, Farm and Garden Show will be held March 18 and 19. Those who wish to exhibit at the show can contact chairman Dr. Jim Sparrow. Contact phone numbers are 393-3366 and 347-0048. The exhibitor fee is \$110, or \$160 for anyone wishing to sell items.

BAND DAY BEAUTY PAGEANT. The date for the selection of this year's Band Day Beauties is Friday, April 8, 1995. Girls from the Elba City Schools in grades K thru 12 are being given the opportunity to vie for the title of Little Miss, Mini Miss, Jr. Miss, and Miss Band Day '95. The Miss division contestants are being asked to wear evening gowns and all other divisions are wearing Sunday dresses. Entry forms are now available in the offices of Elba Elementary and Elba High Schools. For more information, contact Starla Amison at 897-2001.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

It was no secret that Danny Weeks was almost sure to get the assistant principal's position at Elba High. The leaders had made no secret that he is a good man and well respected in education circles. We salute him and wish him well.

It is not so clear cut just who the school board will name as the high school football coach Thursday night (tonight). There are a lot more applicants and apparently several are well qualified. We have heard several names batted around of coaches who have applied, but are sure of only one thing we are sure. This week we have heard three different individuals mentioned as "sure bets" because of inside information the talker(s) possessed. At least two people have been getting bad information, because there isn't but one vacancy and only one person can get that job.

Also, the \$40,000 opening at Elba High School for an athletic director is just a dream! We had heard it said at school board meetings that there would be no AD after Coach Wood retires, but still... Rumors persisted this week that a position was going to be created and it prompted this country newspaper boy to ask for an application blank! All we got was a puzzled look and "we have told you several times there would be no such title and this is still our position."

Affirmative Action is presently on the front burner, especially in political circles. There is a lot of discussion about doing away with the rules and laws which brought about this civil rights related process. A number of polls show the majority of people feel it is time for a change. But even that is tilted by racial balances. Maybe, since we are classified as belonging to the majority race, our view of affirmative action is not clear. However, we believe it is an insult to qualified adults to feel a job opened up, not because of a person's abilities, but because a quota needed filling.

The Brantley Bulldogs have again won a state championship! They make their teams known, regardless of the sport being played. After moving up a step to the 2A classification this year, they showed they were not flukes by repeating as state basketball champs. It seems this school is ready to take on all comers in whatever class they are assigned! We wish with awe and congratulate them.

A week or so ago we were given some facts and figures about water rates across the state. The information was from a packet members of the Elba W & E Board were given when they were considering the water rate increase, approved in November. Our comments of getting complaints about the increased rates prompted the delivery. First, we ain't quarreling about the rate increase... it probably should have been done three years ago. The numbers we got last month show the new Elba rate below the state AVERAGE in every case. However, we still have the original packet and are quick to point out that Elba now has higher water rates than a number of communities. All that means little, as the experts say we should be improving our lot in life, not comparing it with the status of our neighbors.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 28, 1995 through March 6, 1995.
They were: George Stackhouse, Gloria Angeloff, William Hooks, Vinson Hammonds, Lue Head, Maggie Head, Chanda Callaway, William Brodie, Harold Hazen, Annis Wallace, Irene Lamprey, Jemison Gray, Karen Coleman, and Gertrude Ennis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Willie Roberts, Heather Dozier, Chelsea Kilcrease, Zachary Bigger, Eddie Tadlock, Gloria Angeloff, Sarah Magwood, Boris Johnson, William Hooks, Vinson Hammonds, Chanda Callaway, George Stackhouse, Sara Owens, Lue Head, and Maggie Head.

BE CAREFUL

ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 28 Thru MARCH 6, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, February 28, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one damage to a vehicle, one sex abuse to a child, one burglary, one VPL, one possession of marijuana, one criminal mischief, two reckless endangerments, one menacing, and two harassments.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for VPL, one for reckless endangerment, two for harassment, one for assault, one for stalking, one for attempted burglary, and one for possession of marijuana.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for speeding, two for driver's license required, one for expired driver's license, one for an expired tag, and one for driving while driver's license revoked.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - River stage 7.25 feet (6:47 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (2:40 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (9:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - River stage - 13.20 feet (7:21 a.m.); Wreck reported at The Big/Little Store (1:41 p.m.); Report of shots fired at Burch's Trailer Court (5:58 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 - River stage - 15.13 feet (7:22 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 - River stage - 13.85 feet (6:35 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (7:15 p.m.); Rescue dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 125 and 167 (7:24 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on West St. (9:08 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - River stage - 13.60 feet (6:56 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Villas (5:07 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays, 6:15 p.m. City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. Sup. Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month - 7 p.m.
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 394-5853
COFFEE COUNTY CO-HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat - 1 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room
AARP Meet every 2nd Tuesday night of the month
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Hangar

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Note Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the kind words of encouragement, prayers, phone calls, food and visits, during the extended illness and death of our loving father, grandfather and brother. **MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL.**

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Mike Russell

AREA DEATHS

FLETCHER F. JONES

Fletcher F. Jones, age 99 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, February 25, 1995 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 1995 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. Willie H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include a son, Nelay (Edna) Bailey of Opp, AL; one daughter, Corine B. Crayton of Montgomery, AL; three sisters-in-law, Lucy Hartwell of Opp, AL; Vivian Williams and Johnny Mae Caldwell, both of Birmingham, AL; one brother-in-law, Charles (Leslie) Leslie of Port St. Joe, Florida; a granddaughter (and caretaker), Margaret Hill of Opp, AL; 9 grandchildren, Gail (Joe) Williams of Hampton, Virginia, Zobia (Kent) Ingram of Quartz Hill, California, Delissima Bailey of Americus, Georgia, C. Brenda (Steve) Crayton Pitches of Decatur, GA, Vernon E. (Andrea) Crayton of East Point, GA, A. Gloria (Gillian) Williams of Opp, AL, Adoncia Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, Janet Smith Zabinsky of Sacramento, CA; 6 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

BILLY DON BLUE

Billy Don Blue, age 60 of Enterprise, Alabama, died Thursday, February 23, 1995 in Lyster Army Hospital, Fort Rucker, AL.

Mr. Blue was a retired Army Sergeant.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 1995 from the Johns Chapel AME Church of Enterprise, AL, with Rev. C.A. Guice officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria S. Blue of Enterprise, AL; two sons, Billy (Claudette) Blue, Jr. and Grady Blue, both of Enterprise, AL; a daughter, Pat (Earl) Dawson of North Carolina; a brother, Alfred L. Blue of Ingleswood, California; his mother-in-law, Grace Simmons of Elba, AL; a father-in-law, Luke Simmons Sr. of Detroit, Michigan; 10 grandchildren, T.C., Jackie, Doran, Daryl, Billy III, Andrea, Tony, Debra, Vicki, and Demetrius; a host of other relatives and friends.

NANCY STAMPER

Nancy Stamper, age 89 of Opp, Alabama, died recently.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., from the Nazareth Baptist Church with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two sisters, Alzadie Brundridge and Ida Mae Stallworth, both of Opp, AL; a granddaughter, Kan Turner of Flint, Michigan; a great grandson, Adrian Fields of Flint, MI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M.J. Stamper, and child, L.D. Finney.

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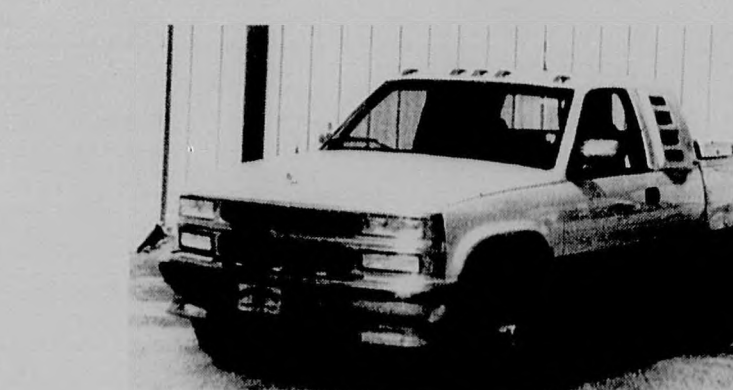
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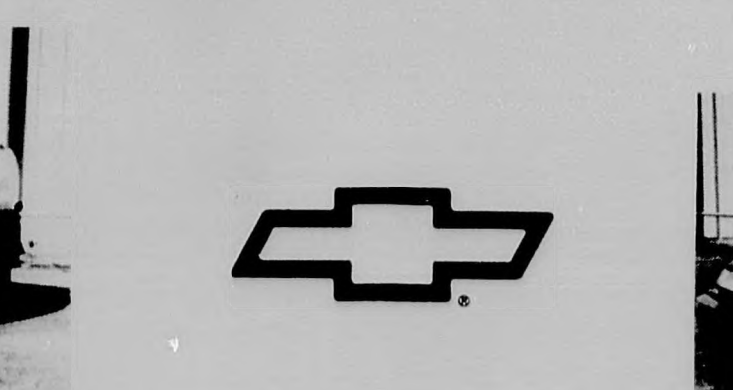
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DRIVE A LITTLE - SAVE A LOT



Selections for the 1995-96 First Impressions Team (FIT) at Enterprise State Junior College have been made. FIT is a student organization that participates in all Enterprise State orientations. FIT acts as student guides, directs get-acquainted activities, assists advisors in scheduling, and presents several orientation workshops. This group of students are positive, outgoing, and enjoy helping ESJC freshmen make the transition to college life. Students with a 2.5 GPA compete for FIT selection in an application, role-playing, and interview process. Chosen for the new team are front row, left to right, Anessa Olive of Geneva, Melissa Sparrow of Enterprise, Shannon Morse of Ozark, and Pam Asdill of Enterprise. On the second row, from left to right, are Jill Smith of New Brockton, Robyn Rhoades of Elba, Kendra Magwood of Daleville, and Misty Boland of Elba. On the third row, from left to right, are Lori Wareham, Kathy Rasponi, and Lesley Lowman of Enterprise, and Lee Ammons of Geneva. On the fourth row, from left to right, are Jack Leib, Eric Schwind, Patrick Herold, and Brian Grimmer of Enterprise, and Adam Sconyers of Daleville. Not pictured are Linda Quinones and Juanita Davis of Enterprise, Chris Hawkins of Ozark, and Denver Teal of Hartford.



The Jewel Box

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

It was no secret that Danny Weeks was almost sure to get the assistant principal's position at Elba High. The leaders had made no secret that he is a good man and well respected in education circles. We salute him and wish him well.

It is not so clear cut just who the school board will name as the high school football coach Thursday night (tonight). There are a lot more applications and apparently several are well qualified. We have heard several names batted around of coaches who have applied, but are sure of only one. That means we honestly don't know who will get the nod ... but of one thing we are sure. This week we have heard three different individuals mentioned as "sure bets" because of inside information the talkers possessed. At least two people have been getting bad information, because there ain't but one vacancy and only one person can get that job.

Alas, the \$40,000 opening at Elba High School for an athletic director is just a dream! We had heard it said at school board meetings that there would be no AD after Coach Wood retires, but still ... Rumors persisted this week that such a position was going to be created and it prompted this country newspaper boy to ask for an application blank! All we got was a puzzled look and "We have told you several times there would be no such title and this is still our position."

Affirmative Action is presently on the front burner, especially in political circles. There is a lot of discussion about doing away with the rules and laws which brought about this civil rights related process. A number of polls show the majority of people feel it is time for a change. But even that is tilted by racial balances. Maybe, since we are classified as belonging to the majority race, our view of affirmative action is not clear. However, we believe it is an insult to qualified adults to feel a job opened up, not because of a person's abilities, but because a quota needed filling.

The Brantley Bulldogs have again won a state championship! They make their teams known, regardless of the sport being played. After moving up a fluke to the 2A classification this year, they showed they were not flukes by repeating as state basketball champs. It seems this school is ready to take on all comers in whatever class they are assigned! We watch with awe and congratulate them.

A week or so ago we were given some facts and figures about water rates across the state. The information was from a packet members of the Elba W & E Board were given when they were considering the water rate increase, approved in November. Our comments of getting complaints about the increased rates prompted the delivery. First, we ain't quarreling about the rate increase ... it probably should have been done three years ago. The numbers we got last month show the new Elba rate below the state AVERAGE in every case. However, we still have the original packet and are quick to point out that Elba now has higher water rates than a number of communities. All that means little, as the experts say we should be improving our lot in life, not comparing it with the status of our neighbors.



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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of February 28, 1995 through March 6, 1995.

They were: George Stachhouse, Gloria Angeloff, William Hooks, Vinson Hammonds, Lue Head, Maggie Head, Chanda Callaway, William Boothe, Harold Hazen, Annis Wallace, Irene Lamprey, Jemison Gray, Karen Coleman, and Gertrude Ennis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Willie Roberts, Heather Dozier, Chelsea Kilcrease, Zachary Bigger, Eddie Tadlock, Gloria Angeloff, Sarah Magwood, Bertis Johnson, William Hooks, Vinson Hammonds, Chanda Callaway, George Stachhouse, Sara Owens, Lue Head, and Maggie Head.

BE CAREFUL

ELBA POLICE REPORT

FEBRUARY 28 Thru MARCH 6, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, February 28, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one damage to a vehicle, one sex abuse to a child, one burglary, one VPL, one possession of marijuana, one criminal mischief, two reckless endangerment, one menacing, and two harassments.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for VPL, one for reckless endangerment, two for harassment, one for assault, one for stalking, one for attempted burglary, and one for possession of marijuana. The following traffic citations were issued: one for speeding, two for driver's license required, one for expired driver's license, one for an expired tag, and one for driving while driver's license revoked.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - River stage 7:25 feet (6:47 a.m.); Week reported on AL Hwy. 125N (2:40 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 206 (9:44 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 - River stage - 13.20 feet (7:21 a.m.); Week reported at The Big/Little Store (1:41 p.m.); Report of shots fired at Burch's Trailer Court (5:58 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 - River stage - 15.13 feet (7:22 a.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 - River stage - 13.85 feet (6:35 a.m.); Rescue dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 125 and 167 (7:24 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on West St. (9:08 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - River stage - 13.60 feet (6:56 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Villas (5:07 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. - Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building

MAJONIC LODGE DB - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

RAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 2nd, 3rd, 5th

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

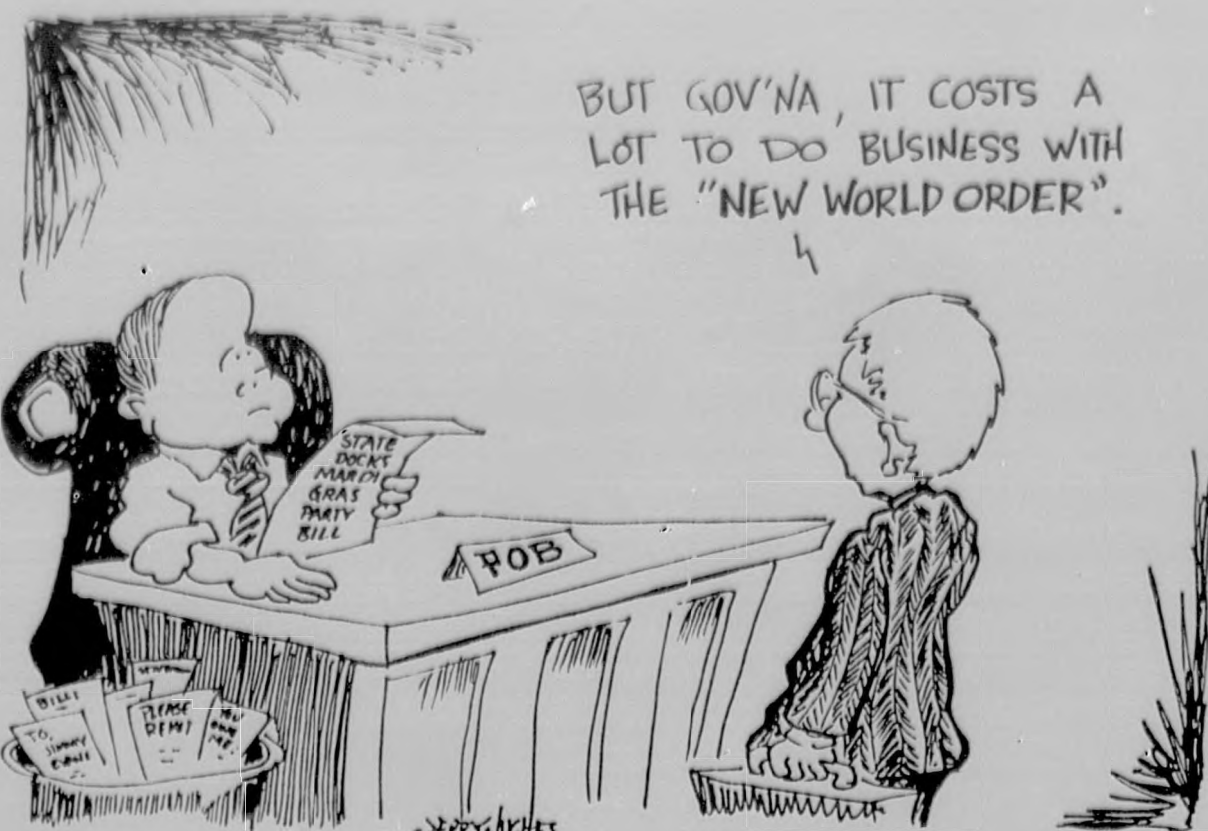
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Country Inn, Enterprise

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room

AAFP Meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Hangar

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Note Of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the kind words of encouragement, prayers, phone calls, food and visits, during the extended illness and death of our loving father, grandfather and brother. MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL.

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Mr. & Mrs. Bill Crawford

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Crawford & Billy

Mr. & Mrs. James Bragg & Family

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Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Bragg & Family

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Dulack, LA

Mr. & Mrs. Lillian Pollard & Family

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Mike Russell

AREA DEATHS

FLETCHER F. JONES

Fletcher F. Jones, age 99 of Opp, Alabama, died Saturday, February 25, 1995 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 1995 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. Willie H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include a son, Nelsy (Edna) Bailey of Opp, AL; one daughter, Corine B. Crayton of Montgomery, AL; three sisters-in-law, Lucy Hartwell of Opp, AL, Vivian Williams and Johnny Mae Caldwell, both of Birmingham, AL; a one brother-in-law, Charles (Leslie) Leslie of Port St. Joe, Florida; a granddaughter (and caretaker), Margaret Hill of Opp, AL; 9 grandchildren, Gail (Joe) Williams of Hampton, Virginia, Zebba (Kent) Ingram of Quartz Hill, California, Deloris Bailey of Americus, Georgia, C. Brenda (Sue) Crayton Patches of Decatur, GA, Vernon E. (Andrea) Crayton of East Point, GA, A. Gillian (Gillian) Williams of Opp, AL, Adonica Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, Janell Smith Zubrinsky of Sacramento, CA; 6 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 1995 from the Johns Chapel AME Church of Enterprise, AL, with Rev. C.A. Gurne officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria S. Blue of Enterprise, AL; two sons, Billy (Claude) Blue, Jr. and Grady Blue, both of Enterprise, AL; a daughter, Pat (Earl) Dawson of North Carolina; a brother, Alfred L. granddaughter (and caretaker), Margaret Hill of Opp, AL; 9 grandchildren, Gail (Joe) Williams of Hampton, Virginia, Zebba (Kent) Ingram of Quartz Hill, California, Deloris Bailey of Americus, Georgia, C. Brenda (Sue) Crayton Patches of Decatur, GA, Vernon E. (Andrea) Crayton of East Point, GA, A. Gillian (Gillian) Williams of Opp, AL, Adonica Jones of Cincinnati, Ohio, Janell Smith Zubrinsky of Sacramento, CA; 6 great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 1995 from the Nazareth Baptist Church of Opp, AL with Rev. W.H. Bass officiating.

Burial followed in the Harden Street Cemetery of Opp, AL, with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

Survivors include two sisters, Alzadie Brundidge and Ida Mae Stallworth, both of Opp, AL; a granddaughter, Kan Turner of Flint, Michigan; a great grandson, Adrian Fields of Flint, MI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, M.J. Stamper, and child, L.D. Finney.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 3, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Albert Gance officiating.

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Social Notes

Sanders-Machicote wedding planned for March 25th



Miss Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ray Sanders of Jack, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly, to Carlos Machicote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Machicote of Elba, AL. The bride-elect is the grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early Sanders, Jr. and Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Whittington, all of Jack, AL. She is a 1993 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and is presently employed by Kleiner's of Elba, AL. The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Machicote of Puerto Rico and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Farris of Elba, AL. He is a 1992 graduate of Elba High School and a 1994 graduate of Wallace College in Dothan, AL. He is presently employed by Erected Steel Products of Birmingham, AL. The wedding will take place at 3:00 p.m. on March 25 at Jack Assembly of God. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Don Nelson

and

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Nineteen hundred and ninety-five

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schedule

Friday, March 17, 1995
7:00 P.M. - The Creation/Evolution Controversy of the 1990's

Saturday, March 18, 1995
1:00 P.M. - Creation or Evolution: Which? (Part I)

3:30 P.M. - Refreshment break

3:30-5:00 P.M. - Creation or Evolution: Which? (Part II)

Sunday, March 19, 1995
9:00 A.M. - Scientific Evidences for the Inspiration of the Bible

10:00 A.M. - The Effect of Evolution on the Home, Church, and Nation

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Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds March meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met March 2, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Joan Jacobs with Mrs. Helen Bruckner as co-hostess. Refreshments were served to 15 members.

Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, president, called the meeting to order. The Gardner's Creed was read in unison by the members. The roll was called and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The president asked for reports from the standing committees.

Mrs. Brunson invited the members to hear Dr. Bert Thompson who will be lecturing at the Elba Church of Christ on March 17, 18, and 19. Mrs. Joan Kennett reminded the club members of the Home, Farm, and Garden Show to be held in New Brockton on March 18 and 19. Mrs. Emma Warr gave a most informative program on preparation and planting of azaleas. Those present were: Mrs. Helen Bruckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Joan Jacobs, Mrs. Jean Kennett, Mrs. Alline Lee, Mrs. Addie Belle Martin, Mrs. Lurleen Martin, Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Adileen Newman, Mrs. Mildred Pearce, Mrs. Myrtle Sellers, Mrs. Catherine Spurlin, Mrs. June Thompson, and Mrs. Emma Warr.



Amber Sherrese Walker

Amber Sherrese Walker is two years old
Amber Sherrese Walker celebrated her second birthday on March 7 with family and friends at Pizza Hut in Elba, Alabama. She is the daughter of Chequita Walker. Amber is the granddaughter of George and Annie Walker and Lucille Hammonds, her great grandparents are Mrs. Eva Mae Flowers and Mrs. Hannah Coleman, all of Elba, Alabama.

New Arrival

GAVIN CHANDLER HUNT

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Hunt of 1174 Rue La Chelle Lane, Creve Coeur, MO 63141, announce the arrival of their son, Gavin Chandler, on March 4. He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Proud grandparents and uncle are Walt and Betty Cox, and Steve, of Elba, AL. Paternal grandparents are Mr. Robert Hunt Sr. and Mrs. Nancy Ramsey of Orlando, FL.



Pictured seated left to right: Mrs. Thurman Yelverton, Miss Mandy Ham-honoree, Mrs. Pauline T. Allen; standing left to right: Mrs. Greg Carlson, Mrs. Fred K. Warr and Mrs. Joe Clark.

Miss Mandy Ham entertained with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Mandy Ham, bride-elect of Mark Jeffcoat, was honored on Sunday, February 26, 1995 with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Joe Clark on Highland Drive.

Guests called between the hours of half past one and three o'clock and were registered by Lesley Ham, sister of the bride. Mrs. Joe Clark presented the guests to the receiving line which was composed of the bride, her mother, Mrs. Fred K. Ham, the bride's grandmother, Pauline T. Allen, the groom's mother, Mrs. Greg Carlson, and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Thurman Yelverton.

The dining table, decorated with a cut arrangement of seasonal flowers which coordinated with the wedding colors of pink and ivory, held a variety of delicious party foods. Punch was served by Emily Crowe and Ashli Hamilton.

Hostesses for Miss Ham's shower included the following: Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mrs. Albert English, Mrs. Mickey Murdock, Mrs. Bob Robertson, Mrs. James Maddox, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Eugene Deane, Mrs. Lamar Brooks, Mrs. John R. King, Mrs. Charles Pearce, Mrs. H.S. Hasty, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Tommy Morrow, Mrs. Gary Allen, Mrs. Milton Warr, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Paul King, Mrs. Charles Hayes, Mrs. Pete Dorsey, Mrs. James Bedsole, Mrs. Harold Berry, Miss Ashli Hamilton, Mrs. Jack Corley, and Mrs. Jerome Ward. The bride was escorted by the groom's brother, Mr. Mark Jeffcoat.

Morgan - Buie wedding held February 17th

Earnestine "Tina" Kelley Buie and Billy M. Morgan were united in marriage on February 17, 1995, in a candlelight ceremony at seven o'clock in the evening at Babbee Baptist Church, Babbee, Alabama. Parents of the couple are Myrtle Lee Kelley and the late Aaron L. Kelley of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Fano Morgan of Babbee.

Traditional wedding music was played from 6:45 till 7:00 by pianist, Mrs. C.E. Harwell of Andalusia. Linda Linton, Babbie, sister of the groom, chimed the arrival of the seven o'clock hour on the organ.

The bride wore a tea length ivory gown of satin and lace. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses. Her attendants were Lisa Duetbelt, Andalusia, and Kerry Kelley, Elba, both are nieces of the bride. They carried a long stem yellow rose.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Bobby Morgan, Luverne, brother of the groom. Linda Linton sang the couple's favorite song, "Unchained Melody." She also sang "The Lord's Prayer" after the lighting of the unity candle. The bride presented each mother with a long stem yellow rose. She was given in marriage by her mother, in memory of her father, and was escorted by her brother, Lamar Kelley, Elba.

The groom was served by his sons, Donnie and Jamie Morgan, both of Opp.

Judy Kelley, Elba, sister-in-law of the bride, served as director of the wedding. Charlotte Morgan, Luverne, sister-in-law to the groom, presided at the guest register. Servers at the reception which was held in the fellowship hall of the church were Alice Crowell, sister of the bride; Missy Crowell, niece of the bride; both of Andalusia; Carolyn Morgan, Babbie, sister of the groom; Jodi Hanchev, Andalusia, great niece of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Panama City Beach, the couple resides in Elba.

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Then, one of your friends turns to you and asks, "Who made this car?" Without so much as a moment's hesitation, you reply, "No one made the car, it just happened." Can you imagine such a thing? Your friends would have you committed for a mental disorder were you to suggest such a scenario. And rightly so. It is obvious to all sane people that the beautiful piece of engineering we call the Cadillac did not "just happen."

Yet, the universe you live in is infinitely more complex than a Cadillac limousine. And yet you are being asked everyday to believe that it "just happened" by accident. The universe is composed of over 2,500,000 galaxies. There are over 25 sextillion stars known to exist (and that's as far as our most powerful telescopes can see at the present time). Our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is over 100,000 light years in diameter. Light travels 5.87x10¹² miles in one year. In 100,000 years it would travel 5.87x10¹⁷ miles. Our nearest neighbor, the Andromeda Galaxy, is over 750,000 light years away. That's 4.4x10¹⁵ miles!

The sun, which heats our galaxy system, is poised in space at 93,000,000 miles from the Earth. If it were just 10% closer, it would literally burn everything to a crisp. If it were just 10% farther eventually temperatures would drop so drastically that life as we know it would perish. The moon, which is poised in space at 240,000 miles from the Earth, would cause 35-50 foot tides over the Earth twice a day if it were moved just one-fifth closer.

The Earth is traveling around the sun at a speed of 70,000 miles an hour, or 19 miles per second. The solar system itself is traveling through space at a speed of over 600,000 miles per hour, in a path so large it takes an estimated 250 million years just to complete one orbit. If the Earth traveled at only 35,000 miles per hour, our seasons would be doubled and the intense summer heat would take the Earth, while the intense winter cold would freeze it. The Earth's troposphere contains

exactly 21% oxygen. If it were just a little smaller, say 10-15%, man and beast would die due to lack of breathable air.

All of these things are infinitely more complex than a Cadillac limousine, yet we are asked daily to believe that organic evolution is true, and these things just happened by chance. If we cannot believe that the limousine "just happened" by accident, by what kind of logic do we then say that our great universe "just happened?"

If you would like to examine the evidences supporting God's existence and His creation of the universe, we invite you to attend a seminar entitled *Science & Nature: Two Votes For God*, being held March 17-19 at Elba Church of Christ. The seminar will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Other sessions will be Saturday, March 18 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., with refreshments being served from 3:30-5:00, and on Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

There is no charge whatsoever for the seminar; all sessions are free. No collections of any kind will be made. Numerous handout materials

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Selected scripture: James 1:1-8.

Thinking of you, praying for you, Mr. Lue Head, Mrs. Maggie Head, Mrs. Sarah Maywood, Mr. Jim L. Lee, Miss Kimberly Kelley, Miss Kimberly Rideaux, the Jones family, Mrs. Beulah Horsted, Mr. John L. Bullard.

and love for teaching and learning. We love you, and she'll miss you.

Signed: Polly's Folks



Warren "Pete" Belcher

In Memorial of Sister Lucile Lindsey Rideaux

She was called home on March 3, 1993. In her blessed memory, her family renders this notice.

On schedule beginning now, as we pause and reflect on these past years without you in our lives, we yet realize that you are still in our lives—teaching, encouraging, encouraging! With that realization, our sadness turns quickly to happiness with memories of you—Mrs. Teacher, our Polly! Having known you as one of us (the Lindsey clan), having known your sweet love for life and learning so much more sweet and precious as we look behind and ahead. We salute you for that and will become because of your legacy

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Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melissa got her cast off the other day and as glad as she was to get it off, I think I was at least equally as glad, I had to substitute for Melissa with some of her household chores, such as feeding the dogs, changing the cat litter and helping fold the towels, and one chore I also gave up with joy was the daily washing of Melissa's hair in the kitchen sink. I know Melissa had a lot of hardships during the time her arm was on the mend, but it wasn't that easy for the parents, either!

ELBA BASEBALL SCHEDULE GETS TOUGH AND TOUGHER

Coach David Lowery released the 1995 Elba Tiger baseball schedule last week and I think Coach Lowery has succeeded in putting together a schedule that is even tougher than some of the football schedules Elba has faced in recent years. The Tigers will challenge such teams as 6A Enterprise, 5A powers Greenville, Andalusia and Opp; 4A power T.R. Miller, and two-time defending state 1A champ G.W. Long. Area rivals Luverne and Louisville are on the schedule, as always, but the Area games are crucial, which means there are no easy games anywhere to be found. One thing for sure, the Tigers won't face anybody in the playoffs any better than the teams they faced during the regular season.

ELBA GRADS STILL MAKING NEWS AT COLLEGE

The college and junior college baseball seasons are now underway, and for Elba baseball fans, that means former Tigers are busy at work. Hayden Young is a starter at shortstop up at Huntington and is rated as the top college shortstop in the state, while Shane Blanton is a back-up catcher at Alabama and waiting his chance to step into the line-up. Marcus Tyson and Joe Donaldson are both getting plenty of playing time over at ESJC, and up at Southern Union, Cory Driggers is in the starting rotation as a pitcher and is doing very well in his freshman year. Keith Grantham got red-shirted at L.B. Wallace and is sitting this year out, but all in all it is a good year for the former Tigers.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS GET RARE THREE-PEAT

The Brantley Bulldogs continued an amazing run in the sport of basketball last week when the Bulldogs claimed the 2A state championship, giving the Bulldogs their third straight state basketball title. Brantley won the 1A crown in '93 and '94 and some rivals complained that the Bulldogs were really a 2A school after the closing of Dozier, and won only because they were actually playing against smaller schools. Well, the Bulldogs had only one starter back off the '94 championship team this season, but made the move up to 2A and brought home the crown again. Know what? They probably could have won the 3A crown, also!

TELEVIEWED TITLE GAMES ARE TREAT FOR FANS

I watched the championship games in both 5A and 6A Saturday on TV, and as a true basketball fan, was thrilled that WAKA in Montgomery cared enough about high school athletics and its fans to televise the games. A lot of people can't make the long trip up to Birmingham to watch the new "Final 4" tournament, but with the game being on TV, the fans get a chance to watch their favorite teams play without leaving the house. I still don't see the fact Birmingham is the host of the Final 4 event; however, if the state's TV stations will televise the games, I may at least quiet down a little.

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Sports

Tigers face toughest schedule ever

Elba to open baseball season March 16

The Elba Tigers will open their baseball season next week and the Tigers will once again be looking to bring home their first ever state baseball championship.

While winning the state title is always the goal of the Tigers, the road to the crown in '95 could be filled with a few more bumps than usual.

Elba's Coach David Lowery has compiled an 18-game schedule that is filled with nothing but tough opponents!

The Tigers face rivals Luverne and Louisville in Class 3A, Area 4 action, while other opponents on the schedule include 6A Enterprise, 5A Greenville, 5A Andalusia, 5A Opp, 4A T.R. Miller and two-time defending 1A state champion G.W. Long.

"We tried to add some games to the schedule," said Coach Lowery, "and we were successful in adding some games that will really test our squad. We've found that playing tough schedules has helped us in every sport once we make it to the playoffs, and if we can survive this schedule, we should be ready if we make it to the 3A playoffs."

The Tigers return five starters from last year's team that advanced to the state 3A semifinals, and could be one of the better Tiger teams in years, if an inexperienced pitching staff develops.

Senior Chris Hudson has been a starter for the Tigers for two seasons and was successful as the team's #2 starter; however, Hudson

must now become the stopper of the Elba staff, and his success on the mound could reflect the success of the Tigers.

Senior Che Vaughan got the start in the final game of the 3A semifinals a year ago and tossed a two-hitter in a losing effort, and is being looked upon as a "must" if the Elba pitching staff is to hold its own against a schedule loaded with power.

Also expected to see action on the mound are sophomores Jody Johnson and Paul Marsh, and junior Leray Smedley. None of the trio have any varsity experience, but are expected to be one of the team's top hitters and fielders.

Outfielders Che Vaughan and Chris Tyson will both return to give the Tigers solid experience in the outfield, and at the plate. Vaughan, a senior, was a long-ball threat last season and is being highly-touted for his athletic ability, and Tyson, a junior, brings back a live bat and excellent speed both in the outfield and on the basepaths.

Players expected to play big roles with the Tigers this season include (junior) Eddie Cowen at second-base, (junior) Jason Smith in

ELBA TIGERS 1995 Baseball Schedule				
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	SITE	
March 16	Greenville	4:00	Home	
March 18	Enterprise (2)	1:00	Away	
March 21	G.W. Long	6:00	Away	
March 24	McKenzie	3:30	Home	
March 27	Andalusia	TBA	Away	
March 27	T.R. Miller	TBA	Away	
April 6	Louisville *	4:00	Away	
April 7	Andalusia	4:00	Home	
April 10	Ariton	4:00	Home	
April 11	Opp	4:00	Away	
April 13	Luverne *	4:00	Home	
April 17	Louisville *	4:00	Home	
April 19	Greenville	4:00	Away	
April 20	G.W. Long	4:00	Home	
April 22	Luverne *	12:30	Away	
April 25	Opp (2)	3:30	Home	

* designates Area games

All home games to be played at Legion Field

the infield, (junior) Leray Smedley in the outfield or infield, and (sophomore) Todd McKee in the infield. The Tigers will have to be ready every game to survive the rugged

18-game schedule; however, Elba has been one of the most successful teams in the 3A ranks for years, and expects to be successful again in '95!

SOFTBALL SCENE

ASA UMPIRE'S CLINIC: All persons interested in umpiring ASA softball are urged to attend one of the following District VII Umpire Clinics: Friday, March 10, 7:00 p.m., at Holiday Inn, in Troy; Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m., in Andalusia. The annual exam will be given at the clinics and is required to umpire any ASA sanctioned league or tourney. A \$35 registration fee will be required.

ELBA TOURNEY - A Men's Class D softball tournament will be held at Hawkins-Williams Park on March 10-11, in Elba. The tourney is being sponsored by the Junior Class of Kinston High School and the entry fee is \$90 per team and each team will hit its own ball. For more information call 897-6833 or 565-3103.

HARTFORD TOURNEY - A Men's Softball Tournament will be held on March 24-25 at Hartford's Radford Park, using a two home-run limit, with all others being foul balls. Entry fee is \$100 per team and all teams will hit their own MSP47 softball. Trophies to the top four teams, and t-shirts to the winning team. To enter call 334-712-1521 (after 5 p.m.) or 334-793-0092.

Umpires to meet March 19

The Elba Umpires Association will hold a very important meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elba City Library. The association will umpire all youth baseball and softball games

in Elba and New Brockton this summer, and anyone age 18 or older is urged to attend this meeting. For more information, call Ricky Mularz at 897-6833.

Youth sign-up underway

Registration is now underway for all boys and girls interested in playing baseball and softball this summer in Elba. Baseball leagues will be for boys ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18, while softball leagues

will be for ages 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. Tee-Ball will be held for boys and girls ages 5-6. Forms are available at City Hall in Elba, and for additional information contact Ricky Mularz at 897-6833.

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Music Of The Night to be presented at Elba High School by Coffee County Arts Alliance

Music of the Night, the acclaimed musical production featuring songs of the evening, will be presented in Elba, Alabama at the Elba High School Auditorium on March 11, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. More than a revue Music of the Night is an emotional journey through the shadows and into the light with a powerful message of love and hope that reaches across all generations to affect young and old alike.

Music of the Night brings together on stage three shining talents: Mae Frampton, Pamela Myers, and John Forrest Ferguson. Pianist Mae Frampton has performed over two thousand concerts worldwide in her career that spans over twenty years. With seventeen recordings to his credit, his virtuosity as a performer is matched by his skill as a musical

arranger. Music of the Night resonates with the stamp of his originality in arranging and orchestration. Pamela Myers has been thrilling audiences with her electrifying voice and magnetic presence since her Tony-nominated Broadway performance in Stephen Sondheim's Company. She has been a regular participant in national television series for many years and has starred in such productions as Annie Get Your Gun and L.O.D. I Do! all across America.

John Forrest Ferguson brings tremendous acting skills and an Irish tenor voice to this production. Mr. Ferguson is also a veteran of the stage, having toured his one-man show, Rah! The Rhymer, internationally to great acclaim. Joined on stage by an instrumental ensemble of full percussion and keyboards, this trio of artists blends into a uni-

fied company that delivers a powerful message through its eclectic repertoire of song.

The songs of Music of the Night are a spirited mix of beauty, mystery, wit, humor, and passion. From the haunting beauty of the title song (Music of the Night, from Phantom of the Opera), which opens the show, through the mystical treatment of Lost in the Stars, and into such comfortable standards as Melancholy Baby and The Way You Look Tonight, the songs tell a story of love discovered, love rejected, solitude, reconciliation, and ultimate fulfillment. Moon River, Paper Moon, I Could Have Danced All Night, Clair de Lune, I Dreamed a Dream (from Les Miserables), and As Time Goes By are a sampling of the songs of Music of the Night.

Music of the Night promises to bring to its audiences what very few contemporary revues can manage: an exciting and entertaining musical experience filled with great talent and wonderful music; and an emotional journey through love to acceptance.

Advance admission is \$12 adults and \$7 students. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 adults and \$10 students. Advance tickets are on sale at our usual outlets: Westgate Book and Gift, The Framery, and Plain 'N Fancy, Enterprise; The Jewel Box, Elba; and the ITR Office, Fort Rucker.

Thank you for your support of the Coffee County Arts Alliance. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne L. Sawyer at (205) 347-1602 or at #5 Indigo Place, Enterprise, AL 36330.

Mrs. Melissa Jones Anderson makes President's Honor Roll at University of Wyoming

Mrs. Melissa Jones Anderson of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and a student of the University of Wyoming, has been selected for the prestigious

President's Honor Roll by having a grade of 4.0.

Mrs. Anderson's husband, Michael, is in the U.S. Air Force and stationed in Cheyenne. She is the daughter of W.O. Jones of Milton, Florida, and the late Mary Suzanne English Jones. Her grandmother is Corinne Bonneau English, and her great uncle is Jake Bonneau, both of Elba, Alabama.



Paul wrote the Christians at Ephesus about God's "eternal purpose" which he "purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." He said it had never been revealed to people in ages past, but it is now revealed to God's inspired apostles and prophets—and to us in His word. By combining the words "eternal" and "purpose," he indicated God had purpose for creating the world and man. What could it have been? Where do you and I fit into that purpose?

7:30 a.m., Channel 32
(Channel 13 on cable)

Mustard Seed Foundation News

The Senior Citizens held their weekly meeting with 10 members present. They were Zeal and Evelyn Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Mattie Wambles, Louise Wambles, and Harold Grimes. The helpers were Tanya, Jessica, and Susan.

The members entertained themselves by playing games and having fellowship with each other. There were several members out due to sickness. The seniors who meet at the Mustard Seed Foundation would like to invite other seniors to come and join in their fellowship.

Myrtle Hudson, who had surgery

on February 28, is at home recovering.

The church is located on Coffee County Road #211. For more information call 347-4630, 897-6647, or 755-2377.

Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery meeting to be held

The Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery Committee will hold the Annual Cemetery Meeting on Saturday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will convene in the polling house adjacent to the cemetery. All persons interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery are invited and encouraged to attend.

Certified Nursing Assistant program being offered at MacArthur

The Certified Nursing Assistant Program at MacArthur State Technical College is accepting applications for spring quarter classes through March 14. Get the training you need to be certified as a nursing assistant. One of the fastest growing health care fields. For registration information, call MacArthur at 493-3573 or visit the college at 1708 North Main Street. Scholarships are available.

Benefit Program to be held at Rocky Head Church

On March 26, 1995 the Go Ye Men and Rocky Head Baptist Church will sponsor a benefit program for Bro. Bruce Phillips, Sis. Love Hooks, and Sis. Sarah Magwood. The program is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. All churches are invited to share in this occasion.

Coffee County Training Center News

On March 11, 1995 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Coffee County Training Center will be having a chicken bar-b-que fundraiser at the center. This annual event helps to raise the matching funds needed to enable CCTC to serve the citizens of Coffee County with mental retardation. Tickets are \$4.00 per plate. Call 393-1732 for more information.

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Richard James Warren

Richard James Warren celebrates first birthday

Richard James Warren was one year old on February 22. Ricky is the son of Dick and Luellen Warren of Shalimar, Florida. He is the grandson of Roy and Jo Ruth Fuller of Elba.

Elba Elementary School Kindergarten Registration to be held

Elba Elementary School will hold kindergarten registration Friday, April 21, 1995, from 8:30 to 3:30 in the Elba Elementary School Conference Room. Parents are urged to register their child on this date. Having an accurate count of the kindergartners for the 1995-1996 school year will allow the school to make better plans for these students.

Students must be five years of age on or before September 1, 1995, to be enrolled in the state sponsored kindergarten. Parents must bring their child's certified birth certificate, social security card, blue immunization certificate, and pink MMWR certificate with them for registration.

The children do not have to come for registration on April 21. Before school starts in August, a special kindergarten orientation will be held for parents and students.

Alabam School of Fine Arts to hold auditions

The Alabama School of Fine Arts will hold its first audition for the 1995-96 school year on April 8 at its campus in Birmingham. Students interested in auditioning in classical dance, theater, music, visual arts or creative writing should call the school for an application. The application should be completed and returned by March 22 for this audition. Additional audition dates will be announced at a later time.

The Alabama School of Fine Arts is a state supported school offering a full academic and full arts curriculum for students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The school offers residential facilities for students outside the commuting area. For further information please call or write: Alabama School of Fine Arts, 1800 8th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203; phone 205/252-9241.

Rhoades Memorial Cemetery Committee to meet

The board members of the Rhoades Memorial Cemetery Fund have called a meeting for March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rhoades Community Building. All interested in the up-keep of the cemetery are urged to attend.

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First Assembly of God of Enterprise to have 4-day Crusade

Reverend Paul Olson, internationally known evangelist from Minneapolis, will begin a four day crusade at First Assembly of God located on the 84 by-pass (across from the Wal-Mart Supercenter) in the city of Enterprise on March 19 and will continue through Wednesday, March 22.

The Reverend Olson is an author of two popular books, "The Bible Said It Would Happen" dealing with the Joazeiro Massacre and his current book, "How to Touch a Leper."

Pastor Chuck Sharp, in extending an invitation to these special services, says, "Paul Olson will challenge your faith. Regardless of our faith or church affiliation, you will find Paul Olson will speak relevant truth to your life. The services will be inter-denominational in flavor and you will find a cordial reception. We look forward to seeing you." A nursery will be provided for each service. For more information call the church office at 347-8447.

Alabama Department of Transportation award contract for bridge painting in Coffee County

The Alabama Department of Transportation would like to inform motorists that MTA Industrial Painting Corporation of Tarpon Springs, Florida, has been awarded the contract to paint the following bridges: Whitewater Creek, AL 125, Milepost 0.2; Beaver Dam Creek, U.S. 84, Milepost 166.82; Hayes Creek, AL 189, Milepost 7.4.

The contractor began work on March 3, 1995, and the work will consist of painting all exposed metal. Necessary traffic control devices will be utilized to conduct motorists safely through the work site and AL 125 at Whitewater Creek will be closed to traffic a few days. Motor-

Lamar Morris Band scheduled to appear at Catfish Festival

The Lamar Morris Country F will be performing at the Catfish Festival on Saturday, April 1 in downtown Arion. The five member band highlighted the 1994 Catfish Festival and they are back by popular demand. Entertainment is just one of the activities planned for the day long festival. The parade will kick off the day's events at 9:00 a.m. Arts and crafts booths will be set up by 8:00 a.m. The Arion Fire and Rescue Catfish Fry will begin serving plates at 10:30; tickets will be on sale in advance or you may purchase your plate at the festival. The talent contest will be one of the mid-day activities with the beauty pageant presenting contestants and crowning new queens in the afternoon.

In addition to the arts and crafts booths, Helicopters plans to offer helicopter rides during the festival. A moon walk and other children's games are in the works and a variety of cotton candy, shaved ice, and other concessions will all be on hand. This year's festival theme is "Fishing for Family Fun" and if you make plans to bring your family for a day of fun at the Catfish Festival you will be sure to "catch a big one!" For additional festival information or applications for talent show, beauty contest, or booths, call (334) 762-2266 or write P.O. Box 53, Arion, AL 36311. The festival is produced by the Arion Merchants and Friends. The Alabama Catfish Progress is the major sponsors against this year. Festival t-shirts are on sale now at Arion City Hall or the Arion Library.

Poems for poetry contest wanted

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc. is offering a grand prize of \$500 in its new Distinguished Poet Awards poetry contest. Thirty-four other cash awards are also being offered. The contest is free to enter.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or less, on any subject, in any style. Contest closes May 31, 1995, but poets are encouraged to submit their work as soon as possible, since poems entered in the contest also will be considered for publication in *Treasured Poems of America*, a hardcover anthology. Prizes will be awarded by July 31, 1995.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

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CDBG

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The town was successful in obtaining funding for a sewer improvement project in 1993. In 1994 and 1995, housing rehab projects were funded through the CDBG program.

After several minutes of discussion, the council elected to continue in their efforts to get a grant for a sewer project.

Police Chief Charles Driggers told the council that it had been a slow month for the police, fire and rescue personnel.

He reported that his department had investigated only three complaints (theft, property damage, and an assault) and six (6) accidents. There were no injuries involved in the auto mishaps.

Police officers issued 8 citations

during the month of February. The rescue squad answered six (6) calls for help while the fire department responded to only one (1) call.

Councilman Charles Coles recommended to the council that James A. Woodward be hired as a full-time police officer. He also asked that the council approve the employment of William King as a part-time police officer. Both men were approved.

Before adjourning, Councilman Jack Caradine told council members that something had to be done to Tyler Street. He noted that it was continuing to deteriorate at a fast rate.

Mayor Kathryn Holley instructed the city clerk to schedule a meeting

with Coffee County Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel and Commissioner Robert Stephens to see what can be done.

In other matters of business, the council took the following actions:

***Approved payment of bills totaling \$3,182.74.

***Voted to renew the termite contract with Copter Pest Control.

***Donated surplus computer equipment to Project Independence.

***Approved a .50¢ per hour pay raise for the city clerk effective March 2.

***Approved the hiring of Joe Simmons to assist in the town's recreation activities during the summer months. Simmons will work 14 hours each week at a pay rate of \$4.35 per hour.

***Approved the employment of Freddie Dukes with the street department on a 90 day probational period.

***Council member Roseann Lewis, on behalf of the Beautification Committee, reserved the town park for July 1st. A fourth of July celebration is being planned.

***Approved contract with Alabama Power to install a directional light in the town park. The additional cost to the town is \$9 annually.

***Gave approval to apply for Cops More Grant. If application is approved, funds (75-25 grant) would be made available to the police department to buy equipment.

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Warning-Rabies alert!!!

Sandra Coffey-County Agent Coordinator

The Coffee County Extension Service alerts residents about the death of a Barbour County resident. The death was the result of rabies, commonly found in bats.

The following information was provided by the Alabama Association of County Health Councils in a letter dated February 15, 1995 titled ALERT!

The first case of human rabies since 1963 resulted in the death of a 24 year old Barbour County woman in Dothan on October 11, 1994.

A publication from the Alabama Department of Public Health quotes the following information:

"Bats are an important source of human rabies. An estimated 5% of bats carry rabies." Dr. Johnson commented that this case report emphasizes that bats have emerged as an important source of human rabies in this country and that educational efforts must be strengthened for the public to avoid contact with dead or dying bats.

Because some bat bites may be less severe and therefore more difficult to recognize than bites inflicted by larger mammalian carnivores, rabies postexposure treatment should be considered for any physical contact with bats when bite or mucous membrane contact cannot be excluded. Dr. Lofgren said "Children need to be taught not to fool with bats just as they are taught not to fool with snakes. Bats can be more dangerous even if they don't bite. Most bat-related human rabies cases lack a specific bite history."

Rabies is an almost always fatal disease. The rabies virus is normally transmitted in saliva through a break in the skin through open wounds.

The incubation period of rabies in humans ranges from five days to 13 months with two months being the average. Only three patients with human rabies have survived with intensive support care. Once rabies symptoms develop in a human, no drug has proven to prevent death.

If you have questions, or need

Farmer's Co-Op Market Report

Reported by Alabama & U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Ronnie Vaughan - (205) 897-6053

Feb. 21 & Mar. 1, 1995

ELBA MARKET	
Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.)..... 6	325
Week Ago (Actual)..... 4	451
Year Ago (Actual)..... 2	460

OPP MARKET	
Cattle & Calves	Hogs
Salable Receipts (Est.)..... 450	0
Week Ago (Actual)..... 513	0
Year Ago (Actual)..... 383	0

BREAKDOWN

HOGS (ELBA MKT ONLY): Compared to week ago, Barrows & Gilts: 1,50 Higher, US 1-3, 210-230 lbs, 31.75-35.50; 230-250 lbs, 34.25-36.75; 250-270 lbs, 33.25-36.50; Sows: 2,00-3,00 Higher; US 1-3, 300-400 lbs, 18.00-25.00; 400-500 lbs, 24.75-29.00; 500 lbs & Up, 28.00-30.00; Feeder Pigs: Steady 1,00-5,00 Higher; US 1-3, 25-50 lbs, 50.50-60.00; 50-80 lbs, 49.00-58.00; Boars: 3,00 Higher; Over 300 lbs, 16.00-17.00; Under 300 lbs, Unsteered. **CATTLE & CALVES (OPP MKT ONLY):** Compared to week ago: Slaughter Cows: 2,00 Lower; Bulls: Too Few; Feeder Classes: Steers: 2,00 Lower; Heifers: 2,00 Higher; Replacement or Feeder Cows: Too Few. **SLAUGHTER CLASSES:** Cows: Bon Uty 1-3, 42.75-48.00; HY 48.50-50.00; Cut 1-3, 36.25-41.25; Can/Lo Cut 1-2, 34.00-37.00. **Bulls:** Too Few. **FEEDER CLASSES:** STEERS: Med & Lge 1, 300-350 lbs, 95.00-105.00; 350-400 lbs, 91.00-97.00; 400-450 lbs, 84.00-90.00; 450-500 lbs, 78.00-84.00; 500-550 lbs, 75.00-80.00; 550-600 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 600-650 lbs, 66.00-72.50; 650-700 lbs, 65.00-72.00; Med & Lge 2, 300-350 lbs, 82.00-90.00; 350-400 lbs, 80.00-88.00; 400-450 lbs, 76.00-84.00; 450-500 lbs, 72.00-77.00; 500-550 lbs, 67.00-74.00; 550-600 lbs, 65.00-68.00. **HEIFERS:** Med & Lge 1, 300-350 lbs, 76.00-86.00; 350-400 lbs, 72.00-79.00; 400-450 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 450-500 lbs, 68.00-75.00; 500-550 lbs, 66.00-73.00; 550-600 lbs, 63.00-67.50; Med & Lge 2, 300-350 lbs, 70.00-75.00; 350-400 lbs, 68.00-74.00; 400-450 lbs, 66.00-72.00; 450-500 lbs, 64.00-70.00; 500-550 lbs, 61.00-66.00. **COWS REPLACEMENT AND/OR FEEDERS:** Med 1-2, 900-1,100 lbs Cows, 3-7 Yrs, 43.00-54.00; **COW & CALF PAIRS:** Med 1-2, 900-1,100 lbs Cows w/75-200 lbs Calves, 560.00-685.00; Sm 1-2, 700-900 lbs Cows w/75-200 lbs Calves, 400.00-490.00; **BRED COWS:** Too Few.

PORTIONS OF OLD SCHOOL TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

All city employees receive 5% pay raise

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening to grant a cost of living raise to all employees and began action to sell portions of the old Elba school complex.

All city employees will get a 5% cost of living raise, capped at \$20.00 per week, effective April 1st. The council voted unanimously in favor of this raise after hearing a report from the finance committee that cash flow continues to improve.

The council also approved the long-awaited organic landfills planned by Elba. Representatives of the engineering firm Carter, Damell, & Grubbs addressed the city council on the status of the application and explained what must be done after the permit is issued.

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A separate bill for legal services was also approved. Cannon & Vaughan billed the city for \$3,315 during the month of February. This included prosecuting on behalf of the city in District Court. The council approved paying this bill plus the December and January legal bill. The total was \$10,383.75.

Police Chief Max Hooks reported the hiring of two previously approved police officers. He also reported the department answered 17 complaints, issued 14 traffic citations, made ten criminal arrest and investigated three automobile accidents. The animal control officer picked up 15 dogs. Two of these were sold and none picked up by their owners.

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